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PRESS RELEASE

Commissioner Bush Announces New Palisade Exhibit at the Alamo

New palisade wall allows visitors to experience the battle through the eyes of the Defenders

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San Antonio — Today, Texas Land Commissioner George P. Bush helped unveil the Alamo's newest addition, the Palisade Exhibit. The exhibit, located in Alamo Plaza, replicates the Alamo's original wooden fortification, where the brave Defenders found protection from a barrage of musket and cannon fire during the siege. The original palisade was constructed in an area of the battleground where there were no stone or adobe walls. Santa Ana ordered the original palisade be taken down after the battle. "I have made it my mission to proudly and purposely tell the story of the heroes of the Alamo, said Commissioner Bush. "In the past eight years, we've done more to tell the story of the battle of 1836 than any other time in history. We've done so without apology and without accepting revisionist history. I'm proud of the work the General Land Office and our partners have done to save and strengthen the Alamo. I also want to take a moment to thank Lt. Gov. Patrick for his steadfast support in the Texas Legislature to ensure that critical funding for the 1836 Plan is provided."

"The story of sacrifice, bravery and heroism that encapsulates the Alamo continues to inspire millions of liberty-loving people across the globe to this day. I have said in the past that the Alamo can be the premier historic site in America, and the unveiling of the palisade represents another step in the restoration of this hallowed ground," said Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick. "I'd like to thank the Texas General Land Office, the City of San Antonio and the Alamo Trust for helping bring us to this day. As Lt. Governor, I will never retreat from preserving and protecting our sacred Alamo that our forefathers gave their lives to defend."

The recreation of the palisade sits approximately where the fortification was in 1836 when it stretched between the southwest corner of the church and the northeast corner of the low barracks. The exhibit also includes a replica of the cannon that was fired at advancing Mexican troops on the morning of March 5, 1836.

The Palisade Exhibit is the second recreation of the Alamo battleground opened to the public this year—the [18-pounder Losoya House](#) opened in April 2021. These exhibits play a crucial role in explaining and providing context for visitors to "Remember the

Alamo” through the eyes of its defenders, giving a fuller understanding of where and how these men fought.

The Palisade Exhibit is free to the public and open during normal operating hours. For more information about the Alamo’s Palisade Exhibit, please visit the Alamo’s [website](#).